

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, and 6 as being unpatentable in view of prior art. These claims have been cancelled accordingly.

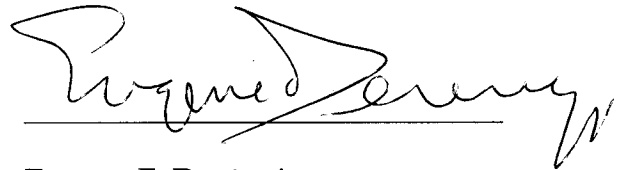
Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has objected to claims 2, 3, 5, and 7-12 but is willing to allow these claims if they are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2, 3, 5, and 7-11 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims; therefore, the Applicant submits that these claims are now allowable. Claim 12 has not been amended since it depends on claim 7, which has been rewritten in independent form; therefore, claim 12 should now be allowable.

The applicant believes that the above-described amendments overcome all of the Examiner's objections, that each and every requisition has been satisfactorily addressed. We look forward to receiving allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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